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Sir:

The above-referenced patent has previously been subject to large entity status. Applicant of the subject patent hereby asserts that the applicant is now a small entity and is entitled to pay any fees as a small entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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